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Dear Friend,

MY Concern for the Proteſtant Religion which I have always profeſt, and for which I would lay down my Life, makes me that I cannot with any patience obſerve the Injury it receives from thoſe who out of a pretended zeal for it, do it all the prejudice imaginable by practiſing what it condemns, and is only allowed and juſtified by its greateſt Enemies (the Jeſuits,) as forging of Lies, and raiſing of Scandals upon ſome, who (to my knowledge) deſerve far better of our Religion, then the Inventors and Spreaders about of ſuch ſlanders, which I pray God they do not on purpoſe to prejudice our Cauſe, ſet on by thoſe they pretend to be ſo furiouſly againſt; for in my Opinion they can do it by no way ſo much as by publiſhing of ſo manifeſt untruths, as ſome mentioned in your Letter, which being impoſſible to remain undiſcovered, muſt render truths ſuſpected, and give occaſion to our Enemies of the Roman Church, to diſparage and ſcoff at the reallity of our dangers, when we can pretend to fear our beſt friends, and call them Papiſts that are fartheſt from it.

A great Inſtance of this, and the contemplation of which, as I confeſſe, chiefly cauſed theſe reflections in me, is what you tell me in your Letter has been ſpread abroad concerning my Lord Marqueſs of *Worceſter*, in whoſe Neighbourhood, and under whoſe Lieutenancy I live; a perſon whoſe affection to the

Protestant Religion this whole County can justifie; Married to an eminently zealous Protestant Lady, Daughter to the Martyr'd Lord *Capell*; has all his Family (which is very numerous) Protestants, excepting two old servants of near fourscore years old apiece, that belonged to his Uncle and Cozen that left him his Estate here, and which it would not have become his Nobleness and generosity to discharge in their old age; He has Protestant Prayers according to the Church of *England* twice read every day by his Chaplain a Divine of this Church, does himself constantly frequent those prayers when he is at home, receives the Sacrament at the appointed times, has taken the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy several times, subscribed both the Tests, both that in a former Act for the discovery of Papists in places of Trust, and the latter one for the more effectuall preservation of the Kings person and Government, *&c.* (as appears by the Rolls in the House of Lords, and that in Chancery:) breeds up his Children in the strictnesse of the Protestant Religion, for which the eldest, the Lord *Herbert* (at *Christ Church* in *Oxford*, under the care and Government of the Right Reverend and pious Bishop of *Oxford*, Dr. *Fell*) is a zealous contender; I say, to have this person traduced (who has brought over so considerable a Family, and fixt it in our Church) and traduced by Protestants, is, I must confess, in my opinion, such a wrong to our Religion, that I should think I in some measure betray'd it, if as a zealous Protestant I did not testifie my indignation against it, especially since those that go about spreading reports, to his Lordships prejudice, I finde by you (though unjustly)

unjuſtly) call themſelves ſo, and would have it thought zeal for the Proteſtant Religion, when it is either zeal againſt it, to gratifie our Enemies, or private animoſity againſt ſome particular men, whom rather then not hurt, they care not what, or whom they hurt beſides; when I ſay *what*, I mean the Proteſtant Religion and the Government, both which I conceive by this means wounded; and by *whom*, I mean my Lord of *Worceſter*, whom though I profeſs to Honor, I muſt own, I am not near ſo concern'd for as the other, for which I have and ſhall readily again venture my Life and Fortune whenever there is occaſion.

I am far from being one of thoſe that would endeavour to leſſen any cautionary fears of the Growth of Popery, or the dangers that we have been and may ſtill be in, from the importunities and helliſh deſigns, of ſome of that way; I am as ſenſible as any, of thoſe Evills, and as I always pray againſt them, ſo I ſhall ever endeavour in my place and ſtation to prevent thoſe miſchiefs, and render daily thanks to Almighty God, for ſtirring up ſuch an active Spirit in his Majeſty and both Houſes of Parliament, for the diſcovery and diſappointments of the deſignes of Popiſh Adverſaries, which I hope through his bleſſing will obtain their full effect, ſecure his Majeſty's Sacred Perſon and Government, and the Eſtabliſht Proteſtant Religion; and becauſe I think it does not conduce to thoſe ends, but the contrary, to impute a Growth of Popery where there is none, and ſeem to doubt thoſe who have been as vigilant as any in preventing it. I ſhall the rather take notice of the injuſtice done to my Lord of *Worceſter*, to whoſe charge (I perceive) it is Obliquely laid.

That

That Sir *Edward Morgan* one of his Deputy-Leiutenants in *Monmoth-shire*, and a Juſtice of the Peace, ſhould be a Popiſh Recuſant, and protect one *David Lewis* a Jeſuit in his Houſe, and have a publike Chappel, and Maſs conſtantly ſaid there.

That *William Jones* Eſq; (who dyed Juſtice of Peace and Deputy-Leiutenant) ſhould have lived and dyed a Popiſh Recuſant, and his Son be now bred up in a Colledge of Jeſuits.

That *Henry Milbourn* Eſq; (a perſon put into imployment by his Lordſhip) and a Juſtice of Peace in five Counties, ſhould have had none but Papiſt Clerks ever ſince he came into the Commiſſion of peace, the greateſt part of his Family Papiſts convict, and into whoſe Company, and into whoſe houſe one *Drayton* a Jeſuit very often comes; and that two of his Siſters Mrs. *Katherine* and Mrs. *Chriſtian Millbourne*, do by reaſon of his power, protect one *Walter Price* a Popiſh Preiſt, who conſtantly and publickly, at their houſe, ſays Maſſe, to which the Papiſts reſort in very great abundance, and a Warrant being demanded from the ſaid *Millbourne* to apprehend the ſaid Prieſt, by *Roger Seyes* Gent. was refuſed, and *Seyes* threatned by the ſaid *Millbourne*.

That *Rowland Pritchard* another Juſtice of the peace of his Lordſhips putting in, ſhould have Maſſe ſaid at his houſe, and being told, it was a ſcandal to him, ſhould anſwer, he had ten pound a year the more for his houſe, which would do him more good then the ſcandal would hurt him.

In anſwer to which and the other things you write of, that were informed, relating to the Growth of

Popery

Popery in the County of *Monmouth*, I send you for satisfaction the following Copy of a Letter written by his Lordship to the Justices there, which was sent me, together with a Copy of their answer, by a friend I writ to, in that County, upon the report I had heard of that information, and the reflection it seemed to cast upon his Lordship; As also a Letter from M. *Milbourn* in his justification, together with Certificates both concerning himself and Mr. *William Jones* deceased, which will shew, his Lordship had no reason not to employ them. I send you also a List of Families in the County of *Monmouth*, sixty three in Number, which were of the Popish Religion in the latter end of the Last Kings Reign, in the times of Usurpation, and since, and are now extinct, converted, or removed, and followed by Protestant successors; by all which it will appear, that that Religion has not thrived under his Lordships Government, whatever it hath in other parts of the Kingdome.

The Lord Marquels of *Worcesters* Letter to the Justices of the County of *Monmoth*, upon the complaints about Popish Priests and Jesuits in the said County.

Gentlemen,

THe inclosed information was lately given into the House of Commons, which (if in any measure true) must argue great remisness in persons, that have your trust upon them, to suffer Priests and Jesuits to swarm so, in that little County, to have a formal Colledge of Jesuits there, and a Chappel in so great and considerable a Town as Abergavenny, *to be markt on the outside with the mark of the Jesuits, a thing I*

believe

believed unheard of in England since the Reformation, and which looks as if that Religion, which the Laws require you to suppress, were the Established Religion of the Country; this to be done under your noses, (for the County is so little, and your number so great in respect to it, that 'tis impossible, but that you must be eye-witnesses of a great deal of what is here informed, (if true) is a thing so impossible to me, knowing most of you so well as I do, that I confess I cannot strain my belief to it, though I hear it was affirmed by a Gentleman of Quallity in your Country, before that Honourable Assembly, where (though men are not upon oath) they ought to be (methinks) very tender of speaking untruth, but however I think it ground enough, for me (who have the honour to serve the King in the Quallity I do, in that County) to urge it upon you, that if the things be false, you may have the opportunity of vindicating your selves and the County; and if true, you would let me know how this can be, and you not highly to blame towards his Majesty, in the first place, who hath intrusted you with the power you have, and also towards me, who, though I have not an immediate jurisdiction over you as Justices, have always, as often as I have had the opportunity, made bold to recommend to you to do the duty of your places, without favour or partiallity to any sort of people whatsoever, that obey not the Laws. There is one thing in this paper that I look upon more neerly to concern me, because relating to persons more immediately under me, and who receive their Commissions from me (with the Kings Approbation) and that is, that two of my Deputy Leiutenants, (one dead and another alive) should be Popish Recusants; now as to the one (Mr. William Jones) I am sure of my own knowledge he is traduced, for I my self saw him not many weeks before he dyed, at Church, with the rest of my Officers at

Quinborough

Quinborough *in the* Isle *of* Sheppey, *when my Regiment was there, and I am sure I had sufficient testimony of his conformity to the Church of* England, *before I made him a Deputy Leiutenant, and he then took the Oaths of Allegeance and Supremacy, and I have been credibly informed he dyed a Protestant: the other is Sir* Edward Morgan *who (I am sure) when I made him a Deputy Leiutenant was also conformable, went to Church, and took the Oaths of Allegeance and Supremacy, the only test we had then to Judge men by; and being so, his Quality, Birth, and Estate challenged the imployment. Since his coming out of* Flanders, *(where he was for some years,) there is some reason to suspect his change, and I would be very glad you would inform me, whether ever he hath acted since he came over, and how long it is since he came, I am sure if he hath acted as either and not taken the Oaths, received the Sacraments, and subscribed the Declaration against Transubstantiation, the Law will deal well enough with him. If he have done all that, I know not how he can be called a Popish Recusant. As to these two persons, I confess I am my self sufficiently satisfied, but notwithstanding desire you would in answer to this speak your knowledge of them: and give me an accompt of what you know concerning all the other things alledged, whereto I am absolutely a stranger: but I hope for your and the Countrys sake, that there is as little truth in the other Allegations as I know to be in these wherein I am more immediately concerned, though I am in some measure also in the rest, there being nothing that concerns you and that County, that does not at the same time affect and touch,*

Your Affectionate Friend

April the 6th.
1678. *Worcester.*

The Answer of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Monmouth *from their General Quarter Session held at* Monmouth, *to the Lord Marquess of* Worcesters *Letter.*

Right Honourable,

BEing met here at the General Session of the Peace, we received your Lordships Letter of the sixth instant, and a Copy of an Information there inclosed, wherewith we must confess we were much surprized, and must humbly acknowledge your Lordship would have just reason to blame us, and that we deserved a severe check, if things were really so in our Country, as they have been represented, but we cannot but extreamly wonder that several (if not most,) of the things therein inserted, could be affirmed before so great and Honourable an Assembly, by any that would ever hope hereafter to be believed; to some of which particulars without further delay, we make bold to send to your Lordship the answer following: First, that such a man as M. *David Lewis* hath formerly lived at *Lanternam* House in the time of Sir *Edward Morgans* Mother, we have heard, but that he hath been resident there since Sir *Edward Morgan* became Master of the place, or hath been protected by him, all of us think it improbable, and some of us know it to be very untrue; that person (whatever he be) for we never could have proof of his being Priest or Jesuit, (though some have reputed him so,) having by his adhering to the old Lady (who was far from being kinde to Sir *Edward*:) disobliged him to that degree, that

that we are ſure he is far from deſiring his protection, and that Sir *Edward*, was a Proteſtant whilſt he acted as Deputy Leiutenant, and Juſtice of Peace, (which was before he went over into *Flanders*) and took the Oaths, we can all teſtify, but moſt particularly Mr. *Morgan* of *Tredegar*, whoſe Siſter he married, and whoſe company we hoped to have here, and we are ſorry we have not ; and that which inclin'd us the more to believe, that he was really ſo in his Judgement, is that he ſuffered his eldeſt Son, (who hath been married and ſetled ſome time among us) to be Educated in your Lordſhips Family, where he was bred up as he hath ſtill continued, a very good Proteſtant, as my Lord Biſhop of *Landaffe*, as well as all his Neighbourhood can witneſs. Since Sir *Edward Morgan* returned out of *Flanders* being about two years ſince, (where we have reaſon to ſuſpect he may have changed his Religion) we aſſure your Lordſhip he hath acted neither as Deputy Leiutenant nor Juſtice of Peace.

As for Mr. *Syllyard*, we know not what he is, but for Mr. *Jones* of *Lanarth* Deceaſed, we can witneſs that during the time he was Deputy Leiutenant and Juſtice of the Peace, which was from the time your Lordſhip firſt ſetled the Militia here, ſoon after his Majeſtys happy Reſtauration, to the time he dyed, (which was ſoon after his coming from *Sheerneſs*, where he was a Captain under your Lordſhip) he conſtantly profeſſed the Proteſtant Religion, and took the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and did all other things that became a Proteſtant to do ; and we have very good ground to believe he dyed one, from the Teſtimony of two Reverend Divines here in-

closed. As to the charge of his Sons being bred in a Colledge of Jesuits, we are credibly informed that he is now residing in *Paris*, not in a Colledge, but hath put himself into an Academy for his better Education; and also that of forty house-holders in the Parish of *Lanarth*, there be not above seven or eight Papists.

As for Mr. *Millbourne*, we know not in how many Countrys he may be Justice of the Peace, but we are sure he does the King and Country very good service in that imployment here, being very active and knowing in that Duty; as to what is laid to his charge, though for a great part we shall leave him to vindicate himself (which he offered us to do by several witnesses, Certificates and Testimonys) yet thus much we can say, that meeting him often upon publique business, we never knew one Clerk he had (as his servant) that was a Papist, and for his Family being Convicted Papists, unless his Clerk and Groom, to both whom, and not only to his present Clerk, but to him that hath been his Clerk this six years, for satisfaction we have now offered the Oaths, and they have taken them, and never were Convicted: we know not of any other servant he hath, and we suppose that being a Batchellor, and having set out his Estate, he neither needs nor hath more; and moreover we can testify that he took the Oaths, and subscribed the Declaration several times, and that we have seen him at Church at Divine Service, and there hath been proof offered us, that he hath been so far from promoting the Papist Religion, that he hath reconciled several of that perswasion to the Church of *England*, ——As for Mr. *Gunter*, we finde him a Papist Convict,

Convict, and his Estate hath been seized to his Majestys use, and possible enough he may entertain some Popish Priest, but not to our knowledge, nor in that publique manner as is suggested: and having conferred with some of the Inhabitants of *Abergavenny*, we cannot discover that he keeps any Chappel or Mass in his house, or that Capt. *Evans* is a Priest; we must ingeniously confess, that we do not know, what the marks of the Jesuits are; as to Mr. *Rowland Prichard*, and Mr. *Isaak Williams*, we must leave them also to justify themselves to your Lordship, further then in acquainting your Lordship that they offered voluntarily to take the Oathes before us, and to produce Witnesses for their Compurgation, and that they both come to Church, and have taken the Oaths. As to what is inform'd of the *Combe*, we are not concerned in it, that place being in another County. As to the Popish Recusants Convict in this County, we cannot finde upon the Exchequer Roll sent to the Sheriffs, (wherein your Lordship may be assured there are none omitted) of Non-conformists and Papists above half the number inform'd to be, and most of those inconsiderable and poor, much less such number of Papist Priests, of whom either Resident or Itinerant, we are wholly ignorant, and never had the least offer of proof, or any accusation against any so reputed, that were known where to be found; and this we can affirm, that there is no Growth of Popery in any considerable Family of this County since his Majesties Restauration, but the contrary. Though your Lordship hath not been pleased to acquaint us who the Informer was, yet

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common fame ſpeaks him to be Mr. *John Arnold*, and if ſo, it ſeems very ſtrange to us, that he, who was Juſtice of the Peace and had the command of the Horſe under your Lordſhip for ſeveral years together in this County (and not put out of the Commiſſion of the Peace above two or three Months ſince) and lately hath been twice foreman of the Grand-Jury, ſhould ſo long conceal his knowledge, (which we ſhould have thought Criminal in us, whatever it be in him) and ſuppreſs his zeal in not putting the Laws in Execution againſt Popiſh Prieſts, and their Illegal actings, and their receivers; eſpecially againſt *Richard Crofts* mentioned in the Information, who is and who has been for this many years his tenant in the Abby of *Lantony*, and in his Neighbourhood, and againſt Mr. *David Lewis* before-mentioned, whoſe company he often frequented when he was at *Lanternam*, as we are credibly Inform'd, but if he received no Catalogue or certainty of them, till after he was put out of Commiſſion, we humbly conceive, it had become him better, as a good Compatriot, Ingenious Neighbour, and charitable Chriſtian, to have ſignified to us or ſome of us, his Intimation thereof, to invite us to (or at leaſt for tryal whether we would) perform our Duty before he had charged us and all other Magiſtrates of this County, with ſo great a remiſneſs and breach of truſt, before ſo Honourable an Aſſembly: we ſhall diligently enquire into the truth of the reſt of the particulars, and as ſpeedily as we can give your Lordſhip, an accompt thereof, in the Interim we ſhall humbly begg of your Lordſhip to believe that there neither hath nor ſhall be, any thing wanting in our parts, to

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certifie our zeal for the Protestant Religion, (in which we dare and will vie with the Informer, whoever he be) our Loyalty to his Majesty or service to your Lordship, desiring no longer then we shall Evidence our selves Loyall subjects, and true Sons of the Church of *England* to be own'd or esteem'd,

Your Lordships Most humble
and Faithful Servants,

William Herbert. *Herbert Evans.*
William Jones. *Thomas Morgan.*
Edmond Jones. *James Herbert.*
Henry Baker. *Thomas Herbert.*

Mr. Milbourn's *Letter to the most Honourable* Henry *Lord Marquess of* Worcester, *being an Account of himself, in reference to the charge of his promoting Popery.*

My Honourable good Lord,

IN order to the justifying of my self to your Lordship from that heavy scandal I am fal'n under, through Mis-information, I shall presume to trouble you with a Narrative of my life, as far as refers to that matter; and hope that your Lordship, whose glory it is to help and rescue the oppressed, will see cause from it to lend me your assistance, for the clearing of my innocence, which as to the things I am charg'd with, is very perfect and entire; if it were not so, I should not dare to appear thus before your Lordship, whom I must expect to be my severest Adversary. My Lord, it was my great happiness to have a Religious Protestant

teſtant Father, but to my trouble my, Mother was a Papiſt, which unhappy difference in Religion, as it occaſioned many other diſputes, ſo it caus'd great conteſts about the Education of us, the Children: after much ſtrugling my Mother got the Education of her Daughters, but my Father reſerved to himſelf the breeding of his Sons, and to prevent our being corrupted in our Religion he ſent us all abroad, and ſeldom permitted our coming home; when he did, he ſtrictly watched us, and carried us conſtantly to Church with him; we were at firſt put to School at *Monmoth*, but not profiting there, our Father having great regard to our Learning, removed my Brother *Charles*, and my ſelf to *Abergavenny*, and placed us under one Mr. *Lewis*, who was indeed a Romaniſt, but the beſt School-maſter in all thoſe parts; the unhappy circumſtance of our Maſters Religion redoubled my Fathers care, and he gave moſt ſtrict charge to have us kept to Church, and preſerved in ours, which our Maſter did not in the leaſt oppoſe: from School we went to *Brazen-Noſe Colledge* in *Oxford*, and were committed to the care of Mr. *James Whitney* and Mr. *Edmund Leigh* noted Diſputants, and great oppoſers of Popery, by whom we were inſtructed and firmly grounded in the Proteſtant Religion; thence I went to the Inns of Court, where how conſtantly I went to Church, and received the Sacrament, and that I took the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, can be atteſted by thoſe of my time there, particularly by Mr. *Smith* of *Nibley* in *Gloceſter-ſhire*, Sir *Bennet Hoskins* and Sir *John* his Son, perſons all well known to your Lordſhip: After the death of my mother, I came down

down into the Countrey, in hopes of converting my Sisters, which I endeavoured earnestly, not altogether without success, for my Brother and I prevailed on the youngest to go to Church with us; after my Fathers death I took her from my other Sisters, and carried her to *London* with me, and bred her a Protestant; there she married, first *Mr. Bennet* then *Mr. Herbert*, both Protestants; her Children after her first Husbands death were committed to my care, whom I carefully educated in the Protestant Religion; the eldest Daughter I married to a pious Protestant Divine, now benefic'd in the County of *Monmouth*; she and her Children are now living in *London:* I require her to wait on your Lordship to certify you of the truth of these things.

In the beginning of the late War I came to live privately in the Countrey, and took into the House my Mothers Sister, who was indeed a Papist, but one in great want, so that Christian charity as much as natural affection and dear respect to my Deceased mother, oblig'd me to shew her that kindness, notwithstanding her Religion; I maintain'd her at first, but afterwards recovered a maintenance for her. I used much endeavours to turn her to the Protestant Religion, but though I could not prevail in that, yet was I instrumental in keeping her Daughter from being bred a papist, rescuing her from her Mother, not without great opposition, and carrying her to Church with me; After I marryed her to *Mr. Charles Herbert* a Protestant, and took care to have her Children bred such; her son I placed at *Eaton School*, designing him for the Clergy.

The next that kept my house was one *Mrs. Katherine Madox*, a Daughter of one of my Sisters, bred a Papist above twenty years; her I had the happiness to convert, and she is now a very zealous Protestant; After her one *Mrs. Turbervile* kept my house, a firm Protestant, and during her time I remember not that I had one popish servant: at last growing weary of House-keeping, I let my house to my Cosen *George Scudamore*, Son of my eldest Sister, with him I sojourn'd, having only my Clerk with me, and my Groom, my Nephew indeed was a Romanist, and some few of his Servants, the rest I was wont constantly to call to Church with me, and mine own; so that the Minister of the Parish hath often said, that the greatest part of his constant Auditors came out of that House; and I dare say, there is not above one convict papist in it, so untrue is the accusation, *that the greatest part of my Family are Papists convict.*

As to the charge, that one *Mr. Draycot* a Priest is often in my company, and in my house, I acknowledge that there is one of that name, Uncle to my Nephews wife, who hath sometimes come to visit her, but that very seldom, and when he doth, for the most part, comes not in a Doors, nor is he at all known to me to be a priest, nor do I entertain him in my company.

As to my Clerks; the first I had in the Countrey before *I* was Justice, was one *Hector Morgan* (whose friends were papists) but him *I* was the instrument of turning from that Religion, so that he after lived and dyed a Protestant; The next was *Thomas Jones*, a graduate in the University of *Oxford*, a protestant also; after him I had one *Thomas Bowyer* of my kindred, and recommended

recommended to me by his Fathers Will, he was indeed a papiſt, but on the former conſiderations, and the encouragement of my ſucceſs on *Hector Morgan*, I entertain'd him, and endeavoured his converſion, but he being very headſtrong and willful, my attempts on him miſcarryed. My next Clerk *Anthony Rogers* was formerly a papiſt, but under me became a proteſtant, and ſo continues. *Rudhall Betham* my preſent Clerk is the Son of an Orthodox zealous Divine, now Miniſter of *Whitechurch*, and very firm in the Proteſtant Religion, both which Clerks, together with my Groom, did publiquely in the laſt Quarter-Seſſion of this County, for the better clearing of their Religion, groundleſsly miſreported, take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy; ſo that by this account your Lordſhip may ſee what truth there is in the charge againſt my ſervant and Clerks.

The next part of the complaint I ſhall take notice of, is, that my Siſters *Katherine* and *Chriſtian* do by my power protect *Walter Price* a Popiſh Prieſt; a malicious untruth, for which there is no colour, there being a great ſtrangeneſs between me and my ſiſters, upon the ſcore of Religion, ſo that we ſeldome ſee one the other above once in two years.

As to the charge that one *Roger Seyes* demanded of me a Warrant to apprehend *Walter Price*, which 'tis pretended I denyed him, this alſo is a vile falſehood invented by the mallice of *Seyes* againſt me: this perſon having aſperſed the whole body of Juſtices, by ſaying, that *there was not one Juſtice of the Peace within the County of* Monmouth, *that would do Juſtice*, as was proved before me, and others; we bound him to the

good behaviour, for which he after bore great malice againſt me, ſuppoſing I was principal in puniſhing of him ; 'tis true, he came to *Lantillio Greſenny*, when I and others kept a privy Seſſions there, and with him Mr. *Arnold* and Mr. *Probert* (well known to be none of my friends) who, as I am informed, lay at *Seyes's* Houſe the night before, and came with him to the houſe where we were, they went ſuddenly out of the Room again, but left *Seyes* behind, who preſently demands a Warrant of me to apprehend *Walter Price*, the mentioned Papiſh Prieſt at my ſiſters houſe, I anſwered, that *I believed what he asked, was rather to entrap me, then any real deſire he had to do the buſineſs*, but however I ask't him, *whether he knew* Price *to be a Prieſt, and would take his Oath of it* ; *he anſwered, he could not, but others could* ; I returned that I could *not grant a Warrant to apprehend a man for Treaſon upon his bare allegation, but that when he ſhould bring the perſons, that could prove what he affirmed, and a ſworn Officer with him, I would grant him a Warrant to apprehend him* ; but I heard no more of *Seyes*, or that ever the Prieſt was further lookt after by him : Now your Lordſhip may pleaſe to take notice that *Seyes* was one much employed in diſcoveries of this nature by Mr. *Probert*, and *Mr. Arnold*, who were alſo Juſtices of the Peace, and that he came to *Lantillio* with them, ſo that if he had been in earneſt, in the buſineſs, he would likewiſe have applyed himſelf to them, and doubtleſs *Mr. Arnold* who hath been ſo zealous in the diſcovery of papiſts, and the Growth of Popery ſince he was out of Commiſſion, would have been no leſs ſo when he was under the Oaths and Obligations of it. As

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to what is alledged of my threatning *Seyes* at that time, it is utterly falſe, but the circumſtances I have here related will be atteſted upon Oath.

And now my Lord be pleaſed to let me ſay ſomething in juſtification of my Nephew *Rowland Prichard*, who alſo ſtands charged in a late paper of informations, ſent me from *London:* his Mother was my ſiſter, (as I related before) brought up in *Popery*, from which when I ſaw I could not withdraw her, I made it my buſineſs, to get her a *Proteſtant* Husband, which I effected, and was the means of marrying her to *Mr. James Prichard*, one ſtrict and zealous in the *Proteſtant* Religion; and he and I joyning endeavours, we at laſt brought her alſo over to the ſame profeſſion, and thereupon all the children by cheerfull conſent on both ſides were bred *Proteſtants*, which hath begot a more ſtrict league of love and friendſhip betweenus, and particularly betwixt me and *Rowland* their eldeſt ſon; this I believe has occaſioned a malice againſt him, becauſe he is earneſt in vindicating me, when he hears me traduced.

As to the charge that Maſſe is publiquely ſaid in his houſe at *Lantrothy*, by one *Elliot* a *Popiſh Prieſt*, taken by Captain *Scudamore* doing his Office, in his Roabs, for which he was ſent to Goal, but releaſed by the ſaid Juſtice, as if my Nephew had diſcharged him, it is moſt untrue, for he was not then a Juſtice, nor was the ſaid *Elliot* taken in *Monmouthſhire*, but in *Herefordſhire* and ſent to *Hereford*, not to *Monmouth* Goal; thence brought up to *London*, and thence baniſhed beyond Seas, giving ſecurity never to return again; and it appears by all accounts of him

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ſince that he never did, but dyed in forreign parts.

As to the latter part of his charge, of words ſpoken by him, he profeſſeth, that it is utterly untrue: And whereas he is charged to have let a Farm to a *Prieſt*, for the advantage of ten pounds a year encreaſe of Rent; it is ſo far from being true, that he is offered three pound a year more by a *Proteſtant* then this preſent Tenant gives, who is a woman, and conſequently cannot be a prieſt, and intends to let it ſo to that other when the term is out, that his Father granted to the preſent Tenant, which will expire in a year or two. Concerning him in the general, I do aſſure your Lordſhip, that he is a *Proteſtant* himſelf, marryed into two *Proteſtant* Families, breeds up his children proteſtants, frequents the Church and Sacraments, and hath taken the Oaths of Allegeance and Supremacy, and doth all other things that becomes a true proteſtant of the Church of *England* to do.

By this large and troubleſome account of my ſelf and Nephew, your Lordſhip may judge, what truth there is like to be in the reſt of the informations aforeſaid, eſpecially if I be rightly informed who was the promoter of them: which in reference to me are as void of ingenuity, as they are of truth, for I kept his Father from periſhing in a Priſon, at my own expence, without ever receiving ſatisfaction for the ſame. Beſides that, I have paſſed by ſeveral ſcandalous aſperſions formerly caſt upon me by himſelf, upon his voluntary confeſſion of the wrong he had done me, deſiring my pardon, and promiſing amendment for the time to come: as I am able to make appear in a Letter under

under his own hand, whereof I ſend you here following an exact copy.

To Mr. Henry Millbourne.

Honoured Sir,

THe entire friendſhip and perfect love that was between your ſelf and my dear Father, the many Teſtimonies he gave of that Love, even to his laſt, both in words and in giving you a Legacy of all things moſt dear to him in this World, his poor boy, the care and direction of whom he hath deſired you to take, and I do promiſe for the young man that if you will but admit him into the place of your friendſhip that his dear Father had, and hath aſſigned to him, he will be your very reall Friend and Servant: one deſire to you more was made by your dear Friend on his Death-bed, that whereas folly in me and mallice in others had blinded my judgement with falſe ſuggeſtions concerning your ſelf, he for me begg'd your pardon, and ſo do I, confeſſing my fault and promiſing you to do ſo no more: *theſe conſiderations have emboldened me to give you this trouble, and to let you know the great loſs I have ſuſteyned in the Death of my dear Father, who dyed the nineteenth inſtant; as ſoon as your convenience will give you leave I do deſire to ſee you at* Lannichangel, *and to tell you that I am your very ſad humble Servant.*

Nov. 1ſt.
1665.

A Certificate from two of the next Justices of the Peace in the County of Hereford, *concerning* Henry Milbourne.

To all to whom these Presents may come, or concern, Greeting.

WE the two next Justices of the peace of the County of *Hereford*, to the House and Family of *Henry Milbourne*, Esq. of *Lanroshall* in the said County, whose names are subscrib'd, taking notice of a general Rumour dispersed in this County concerning the said *Henry Milbourne* and his family, did conceive it our Duty to make inspection and inquiry into the truth thereof, and thereupon, resorting to the said *Henry Milbournes* house, upon a very strict enquiry and examination of the Minister of the place, and several others, we apparently finde, and thereupon are well satisfied, that the said *Henry Milbourne*, and his Family, are Orthodox Protestants of the Church of *England*; that every Lords day he is at home, calling his Clerk and family with him, he constantly resorts to his parish Church to hear Divine Service, and Sermons: that he received the Blessed Sacrament several times there, and in particular upon Easter-day last: And that his Clerk is also a firm Protestant, the Son of an Orthodox Minister; One, who we believe, that had he not been very well assured of the said Mr. *Milbournes* Religion, whereby his Son might be encouraged to continue in the Protestant Religion according to the Church of *England*, he would not have placed him with the said Mr. *Milbourne*, nor can we finde upon a very strict enquiry and examination made there by

by us, that ever one Mr. *Price*, or one Mr. *Draycot*, pretended to be Seminary Papiſt Prieſts, or any other Popiſh Prieſts, have been entertained or harboured there by the ſaid Mr. *Milbourne*, or that ever there was any Maſs ſaid in his houſe; and to evidence to us, and to all the world, that the ſaid *Henry Milbourne* is no promoter of the growth of popery, but a great obſtructer of it, Mrs. *Mary Herbert*, a perſon of Quality, than appeared before us, and publickly declared, that ſhe had been, with much difficulty, reſcued out of Popery by him, and his means, and continues a Proteſtant; who likewiſe informed us of the names of ſeveral others, ſome whereof were dead, and others yet alive of good Quality, who in like manner were preſerved from Popery, and by his means brought up Proteſtants, according to the Doctrine of the Church of *England*. The Miniſter of the place alſo then acquainted us that he well knows one Mrs. *Madox*, a Gentlewoman of very good quality, who was bred up in Popery, whoſe parents and moſt of her alliance were Papiſts, and was by the ſaid Mr. *Milbournes* means, lately converted and brought by him to Church, who has ever ſince continued a firm Proteſtant, conſtantly reſorting to his Church, and at his hands ſeveral times, (more particularly Eaſter-day laſt) hath received the Bleſſed Sacarment according to the uſe of the Church of *England*; all which we thought good to certifie, to ſtop ſuch falſe Rumours as we hear are diſperſed to the contrary hereof, and to diſabuſe ſuch perſons, as may be apt to believe ſuch ſcandalous Rumours as have been diſperſed to the great prejudice of the ſaid Mr. *Milbourne*, and to a ve-

ry bad example. Given under our hands and Seals the ſixth day of *April*, *Anno R.Rs. Car.* II. *Dei Gratia nunc Ang.* &c. 30. *Annoq*; *Dom.* 1678.

John Hoskins.
R.Guillym.

The Teſtimonies of Mr. Evans *Miniſter of the Pariſh of* Lanroſhall (*in which* Henry Milbourn *Eſq*; *Lives*,) *Concerning him the ſaid* Henry Milbourne.

To all to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come, Greeting.

Hereford,

THeſe are to certifie all perſons whom this may concern, that *Anthony Rogers* late Clark unto *Henry Milbourne* of *Lanroshall* in the ſaid County of *Hereford*, Eſq. ohe of his Majeſties Juſtices of the peace in this County, hath ever ſince he came to be Clark to the ſaid *Henry Milbourne*, to this very time (which I conceive is about ſix years ſince) conſtantly for the moſt part attended upon his Maſter to his Pariſh Church of *Lanroshall*, where I am Parſon, and there remain'd the whole time of Divine Service, and Sermon, and hath very often received the Bleſſed Sacrament of the Lords Supper, according to the uſage of the Church of *England*, together with the ſaid maſter, at my hands, and *Rudhall Bettham* his preſent Clerk the Son of Mr. *Edward Bettham* Parſon of *White-church*, a very Orthodox Miniſter, doth conſtantly come with the reſt of the Family of the ſaid *Henry Milbourn*, ever ſince he came to be his Clerk, to the ſaid Pariſh Church

Church of *Lanroshall*, there remaining during the time of Divine Service and Sermon. In witneſs whereof, I have hereunto ſet my hand and Seal, this ninth day of *Aprill*, *Anno R. Rs. II. Dei Gratia nunc Angl.* &c. 30. *Anno Domini* 1678.

Tho. Evans Clericus, Miniſter of the Pariſh and Pariſh Church of *Lanroſhall.*

Now before I come to give a further and more particular account, I ſhall here adde a certificate that concerns a Deceaſed friend *William Jones* of *Lanarth*, Eſq. who is the ſecond man charged in the paper of complaints, as Living and Dying a Popiſh Recuſant, and whoſe Son is ſaid now to be in a Colledge of Jeſuits in *France*. Thus calumny follows men into their Graves, yea, and drags them out thence, to expoſe them to publique hatred and averſion, the Gentleman now cannot vindicate or ſpeak for himſelf, and therefore in charity to his memory, I ſhall here annex a Teſtimonial of his Religion, that is come to my hands from three Reverend Divines of the Church of *England*, which I hope will do right to his injur'd name.

To all thoſe whom it may concern.

I *Tho. Watkins* Vicar of *Lanarth* in the County of *Monmouth*, do hereby certifie that *William Jones* Eſq. late of the ſaid Pariſh and County, did frequent his Pariſh Church upon Sundays, *&c.* to hear Divine Service and Sermon, and that he did upon Eaſter-day uſe to receive the Bleſſed Sacrament of the Lords Sup-

per, with a great deal of Devotion from my hands in both kinds, in the ſaid Church, according to the uſage of the Church of *England*, and to the beſt of my knowledge he did communicate the Eaſter immediately before he dyed; and I do further certifie he did profeſs himſelf a Proteſtant, and that he was buried according to the form of the Church of *England*,

Tho. Watkins, Cler.

To all whom this may Concern.

I *Robert Framton* Cler. Rector of *Bryngwin*, in the County of *Monmouth*, and Batchelour in Divinity in the Univerſity of *Oxon*, of 39. years ſtanding, do hereby certifie, that *William Jones* late of *Lanarth* Eſq. did in his life time profeſs himſelf a member of the Church of *England*, and conſtantly reſorted to our Churches to hear the Liturgie of our Church; I have ſeen him at our Prayers and Sermons, his ſickneſs was ſhort and violent, and my ſelf then from home, and he dyed before I could ſpeak with him, but at my return home, I was ſollicited to preach his Funeral Sermon, and buried him according to the form of our Church of *England*, whereof I have ever profeſt my ſelf a Loyall and faithfull Son. To all this I truly and from my heart ſubſcribe,

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Rob. Framton. Cler.

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I *John Davis* Clerk, Rector of *Landewy* in the County of *Mounmouth*, being neighbour to *William Jones* Esq; late of *Lanarth*, and well acquainted with him, do verily believe he Lived and Dyed in the Protestant Religion; for he was a constant frequenter of the Church, and (as I have been inform'd by the Minister of the Parish,) he received the Sacrament the next Easter before his Death, and I am certain he profest himself a Member of our Church, and defended it upon occasions, and spoke in Derision of Popery, and in his last sickness (which he got in his Majesties service at *Sheerness*) I gave him two visits, and finding death approaching, he earnestly desired me to pray for him; and I am well assured in all Circumstances he was interred according to the usage of the Church of *England*; and a Reverend Divine of our Church, one Mr. *Frampton*, Preached his Funeral Sermon, and Interred him. To the premisses I truly and sincerely subscribe,

John Davis, Cler:

A List of Popish Families that were in the County of *Monmouth*, at the latter end of his late Majesties Reign, and now succeeded by Protestants.

The Late Marques of *Worcester* whose Domestick Family consisted of one hundred and fifty.

Sir *Charles Somerset* whose Family consisted of 50.

Sir *Edward Morgan*, Bar. whose Eldest Son and heir is a Protestant, with his whole Family.

Col. *Charles Somerset* of *Trerew*, and his Family.

Sir *Ralph Blackston* who lived at *Treurgan*.

The

The Lady *Blunt* of *Penroſe* near *Caerlton.*
M. *George Vaughan* late of *Nantelen.*
M. *Tho. Rouſe* late of *Kantilio Bertholey.*
M. *Edward Wintor* late of *Amberley.*
M. *Rowland Pointz* late of *Lanarth.*
M. *George Prater* of *Lanhilio Bartholey.*
M. *Herbert Springet* late of *Troſbrey.*
M. *Tho. Prichard* of *Clytha.*
M. *Richard Jones* of *Bergavenny.*
Mrs *Watkins* of *Tregaer.*
M. *Hugh Watkins* late of *Bergavenny.*
Mrs. *Meredith* late of *Ragland.* Widdow.
The Family of the *Morgans* of the *Wain* in *Skenfrith.*
Dr. *Charrington* late of *Hanover.*
Mr. *William Gwillym* of the *Bailey-pit.*
Mr. *John George* of *Lanarth.*
Mr. *Roger Watkins* late of *Tregaer.*
Mrs. *Pointz* of *Penroſe.*
Mr. *Jones* of *Pantey Coſſin.*
Mr. *Lewis Richard* of *Lansihangel Lanthernam.*
Mr. *William Price* of *Lanwenarth.*
Mr. *Henry Morgan* of *Pomhir.*
Mr. *George Keymice* of *Lanthewyvach.*
Mrs *Mary Morgan* of the *Garne.*
Mrs *Margaret Morgan* alias *Shirton* of *Carlion.*
Mr. *John Jones* late of *Talavan.*
Mr. *Charls Watkins* of } *Campſton.*
Mrs. *Mary Jones* late of }
Mr. *Hooke* late of *Skenfrith.*
Mr. *Will. Jones* late of *Lanthewy Reytherch.*
Mr. *Ralph Dunford* of the ſame.
Mr. *William Dunford* of the ſame.
Mr. *John George* late of the ſame.
Mr. *Evan Jenkins* late of the ſame.
Mr. *Rice Morgan* late of *Brynewin.*
Mr. *Tho. Jones* late of *Ragland.*
Mr. *Thomas Jones* late of the ſame.

Mr. *David*

Mr. *David Gwaday* of *Compoy*.
Mrs *Ketchmay* late of the *Baily-Pit*.
Mr. *Laurence Smith* of *Chepſtow-Grange*.
Mr. *William Prichard* of *Chepſtow-Grange*.
Mr. *Owens* of *Lanſey*.
Mr. *Hugh Jones* of *Tintarne*.
Mr. *Walter Morrice* of *Lantilio Bartholey*.
Mr. *Walter Brewer* of *Ragland*.
Mr. *Pranch* of *Lanvichangel Lanternam*.
Mr. *Andrews* of *Tregare*.
Mrs. *Maſon* of *Ragland*.
Mr. *Richard Bond* of *Penroſe*.
Mr. *Tho. Stubs* of *Lanvethering*.
Mr. *Floire* of *Mandiffe*.
Mr. *Anthony Morgan* of *Lanthewy*.
Mr. *William Chriſtopher* of———
Col. *James Morgan* late of *Abergaveny*.
Cap. *Michael Morgan* of the ſame.
Mrs *Meredith* of the ſame.
Mr. *Tho. Jones* late of *Lantriſſen*.
Mrs *Morgan* of the *Wain* in *Tregaer*.

And their Families: In all 63.

Another thing was lately told, me (that it was objected againſt his Lordſhip,) that the Officers and Soldiers of *Chepſtow*-Garriſon under his Command, eſpecially the Lieutenant there, Captain *Spalding*, ſhould be all Papiſts, and tricks play'd, when Oaths were to taken, the Souldiers laid aſide for the time, and afterwards taken in again, to which there will need no other anſwer then the *Certificates* and *Affidavits* I here inſert, and the memorial taken of them in the Council-Book, together with what was at the ſame time made out by other Members of that Garriſon, at the council-

Council-Board (*viva voce*,) which will ſhew there has been as great care taken there in that matter, as (it may be) in any other Garriſon in *England*.

At the Court at *Whitehall*, this 31th. of *December*, 1678.

Preſent,

The Kings Moſt Excellent Majeſty.

His Highn. Prince *Rupert*.
Lord Arch Biſhop of *Cant*.
Lord *Chancellor*.
Lord *Privy Seal*.
Duke of *Monmouth*.
Duke of *Lauderdaile*.
Marqueſs of *Worceſter*.
Earl of *Bridgwater*.
Earl of *Northampton*.
Earl of *Peterborough*.
Earl of *Sunderland*,
Earl of *Eſſex*.
Earl of *Bath*.
Earl of *Craven*.
Earl of *Ailsbury*.
Viſcount *Fauconberg*.
Lord Biſhop of *London*.
Lord *Berkley*.
Lord *Mainard*.
Mr. Vice *Chamberlain*.
Mr. Secretary *Williamſon*.
Chancellor of the *Exchеq*.
Maſter of the *Ordnance*.
Mr. *Speaker*.

This day the Right Honourable the Marqueſs of *Worceſter* preſented to his Majeſty in Council four papers (copys whereof are hereunto annexed), certifying that all the Officers and Souldiers, in the Garriſon of *Chepſtow* Caſtle, had taken the Oaths of Allegeance and Supremacy, received the Bleſſed Sacrament, and ſubſcribed the Declaration appointed by a late Act of *P*arliament, and *Thomas Williams* Serjeant, *Robert*

bert Aylworth, John Mills Corporalls, and *Thomas Powell* Drummer, all of the ſaid Garriſon attending, were called in, and teſtifyed the ſame thing, and that every of them are, and have been Souldiers in the ſaid Garriſon, for above ſix years and a half laſt paſt, continually reſiding there, and being on Duty as often as it came to their reſpective turns; and alſo that during the time of the ſaid Garriſon, (which is ever ſince the laſt Eſtabliſhment) there had been but one ſouldier, who was a Papiſt, and that he (about five years ſince) refuſing to take the Oaths of Allegeance and Supremacy, was immediately turned out of the Garriſon, and never re-admitted there; and further that all the ſouldiers there did uſe to take the Sacrament once a year, during the time of their being in the ſaid Garriſon; and alſo further that there was that care taken by Captain *Spalding*, that every Sunday, a Liſt of the ſouldiers was called over at the Church-door, that they might thereby know who had abſented himſelf from Church, and that every ſuch offender was duly puniſhed by a *Mulet*, which was impoſed on him for the ſaid offence; and that they the ſaid *Williams* and the other ſouldiers abovementioned, were ſeverally Muleted for their not coming to Church, and did pay the ſame accordingly; whichforfeitures were imployed towards making of a walk in the Caſtle for the Ornament thereof and for other things neceſſary for the ſouldiers: They further ſay, that upon every fifth day of *November*, during their being of the Garriſon, all the ſouldiers did March in Order to Church, leaving their Fire-Arms in the Caſtle, and that Captain *Spalding* did always

when he was at *Chepſtow* frequent the Church to hear Divine Service, and that they never knew when any Oaths were to be tendred to the ſouldiers in the Garriſon, that there was any man that ever did abſent himſelf, and put any other to repreſent him, during the adminiſtation of the Oaths, nor ever did know, that any of the Garriſon during their time there, to be Papiſts or ſo reputed, ſaving one *John Roſſer*, (who (as before) refuſing the Oaths about five years ſince, was immediately turned out of the Garriſon. Whereupon the board were ſatisfied, and ordered this Memorial thereof to be entred in the Council-Book accordingly.

Thomas Dolman.

Chepſtow, December the 26th, 1678.

WE whoſe Names are ſubſcribed, do moſt humbly certify, at the deſire of the Right Honourable the Lord Marqueſs of *Worceſter*, for the ſatisfaction of his Lordſhip, and all others whom it may in any way concern, that in Obedience to his Lordſhip's directions therein, we have made a very ſtrict inquiry what and how many Papiſts have born Arms in the Garriſon of *Chepſtow*, within this County of *Monmouth*, within this ſix years laſt paſt, and do finde by pregnant Evidences given upon Oath in our preſences by Enſign *John Booth*, who was liſted there, the fourteenth of *June* 1673. and continued there ever ſince, and by Serjeant *William James*, *John Jenkins*, and *Phillip Watkins*, and were alſo liſted there the fourth day of *May* 1672. and continued there ever ſince;

ſince; and by *Thomas Lawrence* who was liſted there the twenty fourth day of *December* 1672. and continued there ever ſince, that there hath been but one Papiſt in all the time of their continuance there to this day, that bore Arms in the ſaid Garriſon, by Name *John Roſſer*, who was not known to be a Papiſt, till diſcovered by his refuſal of taking the Oaths of Allegeance and Supremacy, tender'd him in the Moneth of *May* 73. who was on that Diſcovery immediately caſhiered the ſaid Garriſon: and do further certifie his Lordſhip and others, that on the ſeventh Day of this inſtant *December*, we repaired to the ſaid Garriſon, and tendred our ſelves ready to hear the ſeveral and reſpective perſons in the Liſt here Endorſed, take the oaths of Allegeance and Supremacy, and ſubſcribe the Declaration mentioned in a late Act of Parliament, entitled, *an Act for the more affectual preſerving of the Kings Perſon and Government, by disabling Papiſts from ſitting in either Houſe of Parliament*, if they would voluntarily do the ſame; and that they did every man in the ſaid Liſt, which is the true Roll of the Officers and Soldiers now actually in Arms in the ſaid Garriſon, as we are aſſured by the Oath of the ſaid Enſigne *Booth*, cheerfully without any the leaſt heſitation, both take the Oaths, and make and ſubſcribe the ſaid Declaration, except one *Lewis David*, who was then abſent, and who afterwards on the Eleventh day of *December* aforeſaid, came before us, and voluntarily and cheerfully did the like; and we do further Certifie, that we are all aſſured by the Oath of the ſaid Enſigne *Booth*, that the ſaid perſons in the ſaid Liſt, and every of them did receive the Sa-

crament of the Lords Supper according to the uſage of the Church of *England*, in the ſeveral Pariſh Churches of *Chepſtow* and *Matherne*, on the firſt, 15. and the 22*th*. days of this Inſtant *December* being the Lords days; in the preſence of the ſaid Enſigne *Booth*, who took the more exact notice of every one of them to receive the ſaid Sacrament, (as by his Oath taken in our preſence we are aſſured) out of conſideration that there might be occaſion he ſhould be called upon to juſtifie the ſame.

Thomas Morgan.
Herbert Evans.
Thomas Herbert.

John Booth Enſigne.
Thomas Williams. } Serjants.
William James. }
Thomas Powel Drummer.
Matt. Meaſe }
Rob. Aylworth. } Corporals
John Mills }
Henry Phillips.
William Hill.
John Turner.
Lewis David.
Reynold Jones.
Gabriel Jones.
George Aylworth.
John Williams.
John Jenkins.
Philip Watkins.
Philip Thomas.
Emanuel Morgan.
Tho. Laurence.
Adam Barber.

William Reynold.
Philip Edwards.
Tho. Bethell.
William Lewis.
Tho. Griffith.
Tho. Everet.
John Morgan.
Tho. Waters.
Rich. Jones.
Charles Morris.
Tho. Morgan.
James Watts.
John Iddols.
Tho. Iddols ſenior.
James Noble.
John Wallis.
John Smith.
Gregory Appleby.
Tho. Howell.
George Waters.
Rich. James.

Gilbert

Gilbert Roberts.
Tho. Iddols, Jun.
Tho. Crowther.
John Phillips.

William Iddols.
William Morgan.
Walter Batten.
Rich. Prat.

Herbert Evans.
Tho. Morgan.
Tho. Herbert.

A True Copy. *Tho. Dolman.*

I *A. B.* do ſolemnly and ſincerely in the preſence of God profeſs, teſtifie, and declare, that I do believe in the Sacrament of the Lords Supper there is not any Tranſubſtantiation of the Elements of Bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Chriſt, at or after the Conſecration thereof by any perſon whatſoever, and that Invocation or Adoration of the Virgin *Mary*, or any other Saint, and the ſacrifice of the Maſs, (as they are now uſed in the Church of *Rome*) are ſuperſtitious and Idolatrous; and I do ſolemnly in the preſence of God profeſs, teſtifie and declare, that I do make this Declaration, that very part thereof, in the plain and ordinary ſence of the words read unto me, as they are commonly underſtood by Engliſh proteſtants, without any evaſion, equivocation, or mentall reſervation whatſoever, or without any diſpenſation already granted me for this purpoſe, by the Pope, or any other Authority, or perſon whatſoever; or without any hopes of any ſuch diſpenſation from any perſon or authority whatſoever, or without thinking that I am or can be acquitted before God or man, or abſolved of.

of this Declaration, or any part thereof, although the Pope, or any perſon or perſons, or power whatſoever, ſhould diſpence with, or annull the ſame, or declare that it was null and voyd from the beginning.

Signed,
William Lewis.
Signed.
Emanuel Morgan.
Signed,
Tho. Morgan.
Signed,
John Morgan.
Signed,
Charles Morrice.
Signed,
William Morgan.
Signed,
James Noble.
Signed,
Henry Philips.
John Philips.
Signed,
Richard Prat.
Gilbert Roberts.
Signed,
William Reynold.
John Smith.
Signed,
Walter Batten.
Signed,
Tho. Crowther.
Tho. Idolls.
Signed,
John Idolls.
Philip Edwards.
William Idolls.
Thomas Waters.
Thomas Howell.
Signed,
Reynold Jones.
Signed,
Gabriel Jones.
Signed,
Richard James.
Richard Jones.
Signed,
Tho. Laurence.
John Booth.
Tho. Williams.
William James.
Mat. Meaſe, Corporal.
Signed,
Robert Aldworth.
Signed,
John Mills.
Tho. Howell.
Signed,
George Aylworth.
Gregory Appleby.
Tho. Bethell.
Signed,
Adam Barber.
Signed,
John Turner.

Tho.

Thomas Everet.
James Watts.
Tho. Waters.
Signed,
George Waters.
Signed,
John Wallis.
Philip Watkins.
Signed,
John Williams.
Signed,
John Jenkins.
Signed,
William Hill.
Signed,
Thomas Iddols.
Signed,
Philip Thomas.
Signed,
Lewis David.

WE whoſe Names are ſubſcribed, being three of his Majeſties Juſtices of the Peace of the County of *Monmouth*, do humbly certifie, that the perſons whoſe Names are above-written, or whoſe Marks are thereunto ſet, being Officers and ſoldiers of the Gariſon of *Chepſtow-Caſtle*, did voluntarily declare and ſubſcribe or ſet their Marks to the Teſt above-written, in *Chepſtow-Caſtle* Town, the ſeventh day of this inſtant *December*, except *Lewis David*, who by reaſon of his ſickneſſe did not take the Oaths till the Eleventh day, at which time he alſo declared and ſubſcribed the Teſt, and moſt voluntarily did then take the Oaths of Allegeance and Supremacy, as all the reſt had done the *7th* inſtant before us.

Herbert Evans.
Tho. Morgan.
Tho. Herbert.

A True Copy. *Tho. Dolman.*

Theſe

THeſe are to certifie whom it may concern, That the perſons here under-written, in Number 50. being Officers and Soldiers in the Company of the right Honourable the Lord Marqueſs of *Worceſter*, belonging to the Garriſon of *Chepſtow Caſtle* within the County of *Monmouth*, have received the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, on the firſt, 15. and 22. days of this Inſtant *December*, being *Sundays*, according to the uſage of the Church of *England*. Witneſs my hand the 24 day of *December*, *Anno Domini*, 1678.

Edward Williams,
Vicar of *Chepſtow*.

John Booth Enſigne.
Thomas Williams } Serjants.
William James }
Matt. Meaſe } Corporals.
Rob. Aylworth }
Thomas Powel Drummer.
Gregory Applebey.
Thomas Idolls Senior.
Richard Jones.
Gabriel Jones.
Reynold Jones.
Richard James.
William Reynold.
William Iddols.
John Smith.
John Iddols.
Thomas Bethell.
John Williams.
John Morgan.

William Hill.
Thomas Crowther.
Thomas Morgan.
James Watts.
Phillip Edwards.
John Jenkins.
Thomas Everet.
Thomas Howel.
John Turner.
William Lewis.
George Aylworth.
Adam Barber.
Thomas Griffeth.
Henry Phillips.
Thomas Waters.
Phillip Watkins.
George Waters.
Lewis David.
James Noble.

Thomas

Thomas Lawrence.
Emanuel Morgan.
John Phillips.
William Morgan.
Richard Prat.
Gilbert Roberts.

Charles Morrice.
Tho. Iddols, Jun.
Walter Batten.
Phillip Thomas.
John Wallis.

Signed by the aforesaid *Edward Williams*, Vicar,
In the presence of us,

Tho. Williams.
Robert Aylworth.
John Mills.

A True Copy. *Tho. Dolman.*

Monmouth ss.

William James of *Chepstow* in the said County, Gent. one of the Sergeants in the Garison there; *John Jenkins* another Soldier of the said Garrison, and *Phill. Watkins*, another private Soldier of the said Garrison, do make Oath, that they these Deponents, and every of them were Lifted Soldiers in the said Garrison the fourth of *May*, 1672. and continued there ever since; and during all that time, there was but one Papist that served as a Soldier in the said Garrison, to this day, his name *John Rosser*, who refused to take the Oathes of Allegeance and Supremacy, when Sir *George Probert*, and Mr. *Walter* of *Persfield*, came to tender the same to the Garrison, before some of the Soldiers were drawn out of the said garrison for *Black-Heath*; which said *John Rosser* was not known

before that time to be a Papiſt, but as ſoon as he was diſcovered, by his refuſal of the ſaid Oaths, he was Caſhiered the ſaid Garriſon.

William Fames.
John Fenkins.
Phil. Watkins.

Jurat coram me xxvi.
die *Decembris*, 1678.

Herberto Jones *Magiſtro in Cancell.* Extraord.

Monmoth ſſ.

John Boooh of the Garriſon of *Chepſtow*, in the ſaid County, Gent. maketh Oath, that he was muſtered Enſigne in the ſaid Garriſon, the 14*th* day of *June* 1673. and continued there ever ſince, and that to the beſt of his knowledge there is not, nor hath been any one perſon Liſted a Soldier in the ſaid Garriſon, ſince the day this Deponent was firſt Liſted, but did duly frequent the Church. And this Deponent further maketh oath, that theſe reſpective perſons here Endorſed, are Soldiers now actually in Arms in the ſaid Garriſon, and have all and every one of them receiv'd the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, according to the uſage of the Church of *England*, in the ſeveral Pariſhes of *Chepſtow* and *Matherne*, in my ſight; ſome of them on Sunday the firſt of *December*, and ſome of them on Sunday the 15*th* day of *December*. and the reſt of them on Sunday the 22. of *December* aforeſaid: and further depoſeth, that every one of them did voluntarily take the Oaths of Allegeance and Supremacy, and the Teſt, according to a late Act of Parliament

Parliament upon the ſeventh day of this Inſtant *December*, except one *Lewis David*, who was then abſent, but afterwards on the 11. day of *December* aforeſaid, took the Oaths and Teſt, as this Deponent was informed by the Juſtices of the Peace that gave him the ſaid Oaths and Teſt, and doth verily believe the ſame.

Jurat apud Chepſtow 26. Die Decembris, 1678. coram me Herberto Jones *Magiſtro* in *Cancell. Extraord.*

John Booth.

Monmouth ſſ.

THomas *Lawrence* of the Garriſon of *Chepſtow* in the ſaid County maketh Oath, that he was Liſted a Soldier in the ſaid Garriſon the four and twentieth day of *December*, 1672. and continued there ever ſince, and that in all that time there was never a Papiſt Liſted Soldier in the ſaid Garriſon but one *John Roſſer*, who was not known to be ſo, till his refuſall to take the Oaths of Allegeance and Supremacy; before ſome of the Soldiers of the ſaid Garriſon were drawn out for *Black-Heath*, who was thereupon caſhiered.

Thomas Lawrence.

Jurat apud Chepſtow 26. Die Decembris, 1678. coram me Herberto Jones *Magiſt. in Cancell. Extraord.*

Tho. Dolman.

This Account I thought I could not but in Juſtice give you, upon the occaſion of your Letter, and deſire you to make it publick, ſince I perceive the Calumnies you there mentioned are ſo, and that his Lordſhip does ſo much rely upon his own Innocence, as not to publiſh his juſt defence againſt them, which (though manifeſtly falſe) ought not in my Opinion to be ſo much ſlighted as to have nothing ſaid to them: If I have offended him by publiſhing Papers I had received only for my private ſatisfaction, I humbly beg his Lordſhips pardon for it, having meant him no diſſervice, and intending only by it, to do him that right which I ſaw he would not vouchſafe to do himſelf, but if I have incurred his diſpleaſure (notwithſtanding) by it, I have however this Conſolation, that I have purged my ſelf from being one of thoſe unjuſt zealous Proteſtants that would lay undeſerved blame upon him, to whom I think we and our Religion owe very much, and I hope the ſame reaſon will induce you, whom I know to be of the ſame Principles with me, to Gratifie me, in printing this Letter, if not upon your own ſcore, at leaſt at the requeſt of,

MVSEVM BRITANNICVM

Your Moſt Affectionate Friend and Servant,

FINIS.